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Shall The Gates of Hell Prevail?

The Menace to be Fought From Every Angle---Rome Will Not Spare the Free Press

THE schemes of the Roman Catholic church to thwart free speech and strangle the free press of the nation are falling in on The Menace so rapidly that it makes us dizzy when we undertake to recount them.

As I write these lines I have before me at least a half hundred daily papers with lengthy articles bearing such heads as these: "Catholics to Take Action Against Menace's Attacks," "Catholics Prepare to Fight Prejudice," "Catholics Plan a Campaign Against Religious Bigotry," "Publications to Be Fought by Knights of Columbus," "Knights of Columbus Organize to Fight Anti-Catholicism," "Catholic Church to Fight The Menace," "Catholics to War Vigorously on The Menace," "Catholics to Fight Opposing Papers," "Catholics to Open War on Bigotry," "Denounce Slanders of Roman Catholic Church," "Protests Made Against The Menace," "Urges Check on Press," "Catholics Want Slander Stopped," "Federal Authorities Have Arrested Menace Gang," etc., etc., ad infinitum ad nauseum.

To read the Catholic press and the Romanized dailies one would think that the ten plagues of Egypt had re-appeared, and that the poor little Menace was responsible for the whole business.

Rome would have the people believe that the world is coming to an end and that at once if The Menace isn't crushed out of existence.

To understand the systematic underhanded fight that is being made on The Menace by the Church of Rome it is necessary to go back to December 8th, last year, by pre-arrangement, every faithful Catholic, man, woman and child, in the country wrote the postmaster-general imploring him to exclude this paper from the mails.

This, it seems, was only the opening gun, as they have reduced the matter to a science and are keeping it up, even going so far as to actually print and distribute throughout the country "form" letters, accompanied by stamped envelopes with the printed address of the postmaster general on them, to be used continuously by the "faithful." The address on the envelope reads thus, in large type: "Hon. A. S. Burleson, Washington, D. C."

They have made the matter so plain, and so easy, that the most ignorant yep in the country can annoy the postmaster-general with these "cold storage" pleas for the suppression of free speech and a free press. The contents of the letter being used is as follows:

"Cresco, Iowa, Jan. 10, 1915.

"Dear Sir:—Your attention is hereby directed to certain publications such as The Menace and others of a similar nature, enjoying second class postage privileges, whose sole aim seems to be the defamation of the religious principles of a large body of citizens of these United States. Their chief end is to ridicule, vilify and insult the Roman Catholic religion.

"As a member of this church and a citizen of the United States I protest against the co-operation of my country in the furtherance of their campaign. I appeal to you to know why Section 498 of the postal laws applicable to such publications. If this section fails to apply why has it not been framed to offset such widespread insult? Publications of this kind have been excluded from the mails of Canada for some time. I would like to know definitely your position in this matter.

"Sincerely yours,

The Menace is not protesting against the fight that is being made on it, the nature of the fight is in itself sufficient evidence to prove the truth of everything we have ever printed about the Roman Catholic church, and the

more publicity the matter is given the sooner will the people understand this fact, for no organization that is straight and square needs to resort to such un-American methods for protection.

What we wish to call the people's attention to is the fact that the hit dog always howls, and the fact that we must be getting under the hide else they wouldn't howl so long and so loud and make such cowardly calls for help. It's the truth that hurts, and it's the truth that Rome wants to suppress.

YOU are already familiar with the attempt of Congressman Fitzgerald to tack a press muzzle amendment to the Postoffice Appropriation Bill in the House on Dec. 31st. This failed, as you remember, and later he introduced the same thing in substance in an independent bill, and the same is still resting in committee.

Now comes one Congressman Gallivan, of Boston, Mass., with a bill still more damnable and cowardly than the Fitzgerald measure, and expects the congress of the United States to stultify itself and disgrace its constituency and the nation by making it into law. The Gallivan bill is a peach. Read it:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever it shall be established to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General that any person is engaged in the business of publishing any scandalous, scurrilous, indecent or immoral books, pamphlets, pictures, prints, engravings, lithographs, photographs, or other publications which are, or are represented to be, a reflection on any form of religious worship practiced or held sacred by any citizens of the United States, it is hereby declared that the Postmaster-General shall make the necessary rules and regulations to exclude such matter from the mails."

Gallivan is another servant of the pope, as is Fitzgerald, but goes his Romish colleague one better in framing a measure that would make the Czar of Russia turn green with envy.

This damnable outrage called a bill would force us to take the pope's medicine without even the privilege of holding our noses.

If such stuff as this can be made into law, we can expect in the near future to be forced to march to mass each Sunday morning with a Knight of Columbus sword piercing the seats of our trousers at each step.

What do you think of it, men—on the square—what are we coming to, anyway?

Do we think the bill will pass?

No!

But it shows what we may look for in the future—when America is made Catholic, as Rome says it will be made!

It shows how silly Protestants are who vote for Romanists and Knights of Columbus for office—that's all!

A man is judged by the company he keeps, you have heard it said—and the Church of Rome is judged by the character of her adherents. This gallivanting Gallivan holds office because of the fact that the Irish papal slums of South Boston have the preponderance of the vote in the district he "tries" to represent. It is said that he is a close friend and intimate associate of the rum sellers and dive keepers of Boston's unmentionable south side. We know that he opposed the Hobson Bill calling for nation-wide prohibition and the immigration bill, both of which acts show that he is in congress for the purpose of looking after the interests of the "holy church." In fact it is alleged that he delivered an address at a papal jollification in South Boston, called for the purpose of celebrating the defeat of the prohibition bill. He has sucked the official teat ever since he left the parochial school, and it is said that he has no known profession or vocation other than holding office.

Is it any wonder that such a character should desire the support of newspapers and periodicals that stand for truth and righteousness and have the courage to criticize the Roman Catholic political machine of which he is a very important wheel in Boston?

The Enemies of Liberty Must be Met by Brave Men Who Are Not Afraid to Fight

YOUR attention has also been called to the fact that the Romanists, headed by the Knights of Columbus, have organized what they are pleased to call a "Commission on Religious Prejudice." The news item from the daily papers telling of this fact was printed in Menace No. 196, and it was shown that the Knights had raised fifty thousand dollars at one meeting for the purpose of "getting the goods" on the editors and publishers of this paper and putting the publication "out of business."

The Menace is unable to deal with all of these attacks and counter attacks as it would like to do, but it occurs to us that this would offer a good opportunity for the Guardians of Liberty or the Knights of Luther, or some other patriotic body, to organize a "commission" to investigate the reasons why Catholics are driving Protestants out of public life, out of business and out of their jobs by means of the boycott.

Investigations should be held in Gallivan's home town, Boston, also in New York, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, St. Louis, the home of the envelope thieves of the Roman Catholic church, San Francisco, Denver, Chicago and other large cities.

You were put wise to the fact some time ago that Romanists were agitating, through the Catholic press, the question of raising funds for the purpose of running down the character of men connected with this paper and "getting the goods" on them by means of detective agencies. This latest Knight of Columbus scheme, with this fifty thousand dollars to spend, looks like the thing was coming to a head, and I would not be surprised to learn at any time that William Jackson Burns, "the great detective," newly made Knight of Columbus, was on the job, and if we are all arrested on a charge of horse stealing you needn't be alarmed in the least.

SPACE will not permit us to set forth the news dispatches and articles in the daily press telling of the various organizations now being formed to fight The Menace. The heads we quoted in the outset are only a few of them. We presume, however, that most of you read the dailies and are familiar with the facts. At any rate, Rome is leaving nothing undone that will in any way have a tendency to chunk the wheels of The Menace and suppress free speech.

The fight is on and it must be to the finish.

Just as these lines are written we receive a press dispatch from Albany, N. Y., to the effect that a Romish representative has introduced a resolution in the house of representatives, asking that it be passed by that body, the same being a request of the congress of the United States to pass some law that will prevent newspapers from criticizing any manner of religion or any person or persons for their acts when said acts are performed in the name of religion. What the outcome of all this mud slinging will be remains to be seen, but one thing is certain—

THIS COUNTRY IS EITHER GOING UNDER THE ROMAN YOKE AND INTO A BONDAGE NO LESS DAMNABLE THAN THAT WHICH PREVAILED IN SPAIN DURING THE INQUISITION, OR ELSE WE ARE GOING TO ESTABLISH THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS SO FIRMLY THAT IT CAN NEVER BE SHAKEN SO LONG AS THE SUN SHINES!

THE RESULT OF THIS CONTEST DEPENDS UPON HOW CLOSE YOU STICK TO THE MENACE AND HOW HARD YOU FIGHT FOR YOUR INALIENABLE RIGHTS!

INSPECTION BILLS SET 'EM CRAZY

Missouri, Iowa and Oklahoma Set the Standard for Patriots to Follow in Other States—Inspection Bills Are Introduced in all Three to the Great Discomfiture of the Romanists—What's Wrong on the Inside?

ROME is up in arms again over the fact that at least four state legislatures in this country are considering bills which, if enacted into law, would permit officials of the state, designated for that purpose, to go behind the walls and walled doors of the convents, nunneries, monasteries, and other institutions of the church which imprison human beings and which, so far, have never been forced to pay taxes or render to the state any account whatever of their stewardship.

The legislatures of Missouri, Arkansas and probably one or two other states killed bills of a similar nature last year, and if the bills now pending are to pass it will take the united efforts of every patriot in these states to keep the backbone of the legislators stiff and get these bills on the statute books.

Following is the copy of the bill now before the Missouri legislature:

HOUSE BILL NO. 39. 4th General Assembly. INTRODUCED BY MR. ALLEN. Read first time January 12, 1915, and 60 copies ordered printed. ROBT. E. L. MARKE, Chief Clerk. AN ACT

To provide for the inspection of all public or private hospitals, reformatory homes, houses of detention, convents, asylums, sectarian seminaries, schools or institutions, by the commissioners of the county in which such institutions are situated, by the grand jury thereof, or by any person or persons appointed by a judge of a court of record, upon a petition signed by twenty persons of said county.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows: Section 1. That every private and public hospital, reformatory home, house of detention, convent, asylum, sectarian seminary, school or institution, shall be open at all and any time to

the inspection of the commissioners of the county in which any such institution is situated, the grand jury thereof, or the inspection of any person or persons duly appointed by a judge of a court of record in the said county, upon a petition being presented to him requiring the same, signed by twenty citizens of said county.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of each and all county commissioners, to visit, unannounced, every private or public home, house of detention, convent, asylum, sectarian seminary, school or institution once every four months, to note the conditions and treatment and to receive the complaints of the inmates thereof.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the county commissioners to file a full and complete report of the results of the inspections of the above institutions in the court of common pleas of the county, and publish the same in two daily newspapers of general circulation, the first day of the month of January and July of each year.

Sec. 4. Any commissioner or person appointed by the court, for violation of any provision of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 for the first offense, and \$500 for any additional offense.

Sec. 5. Any official, agent, employee, or other person refusing to permit, or interfering in any manner with the inspection of any such private or public hospital, reformatory home, house of detention, convent, asylum, sectarian seminary, school or institution, by the county commissioners, the grand jury thereof, or any person duly appointed and authorized by a court of record in accordance with the terms of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than \$500 and six months' imprisonment for the first offense, and for each additional offense not less than \$1,000 fine and imprisonment.

There is absolutely nothing unfair about this bill.

The bill would operate in the case of a Protestant institution just as it would operate in the case of a Roman Catholic institution.

Protestants have no objection

to the bill—in fact they are in favor of the bill—then why, in the name of justice, does Rome object?

When the bill of last year was before the Missouri legislature, Jefferson City was crowded with priests and Knights of Columbus, lobbying for the assassination of this bill—and it was assassinated. The same fight will be made this time, and that's the reason that every patriotic citizen in the state of Missouri should write his representative to vote and lobby for the passage of House Bill No. 59, known as the Inspection Bill.

That Rome fears the light and is very much agitated over this effort of the state to peer into the dark corners of her hell-holes is shown from the contents of the following item taken from the Springfield, Mo., Republican of Jan. 23rd:

The proposed inspection of Catholic convents, sectarian seminaries, schools and other institutions by county commissioners, as provided for in a bill introduced in the Missouri general assembly, has caused much agitation among Catholics in Springfield and other cities of Missouri. Representatives of the American Federation of Catholic Societies will attempt to have the bill killed in committee, it is said by prominent Catholics.

Catholics see in the bill introduced January 12 by Representative Marion D. Allen of Laclede county, an endeavor to create an opportunity for the inspection of Catholic institutions by persons of different religious persuasion, having ulterior motives. Two bills, said to be similar, were introduced in the last legislature, Edwin F. Moore, of Lamar, senator from this district, a representative from Barton county at the last session, is said to have been sponsor for one of the bills at that time. Almost the same bill has been introduced at the last three sessions of the legislature. Each time the bill died in the committee.

"These introducing the bills," Father J. M. Sheridan of St. Agnes' church last night said, "are attempting to play to the galleries and it is done through malicious intention and designed to cast insinuations against the Catholic schools and other institutions. Our convents, parochial schools and other institutions are not supported by the taxation of the public and should not interest them."

This priest has the audacity to

say that the public does not support these institutions and should not, therefore, be interested in them.

All of which is tommyrot. The public does support them by letting them go free of tax.

Besides that the public is always interested, or should be, in anything that involves human life.

Why should the public not desire to know, and why should it not know, the fate of the thousands upon thousands of innocent women and children that disappear behind these gaunt grey walls every year?

They go into these places by thousands every year—but THEY NEVER COME OUT—even when one escapes she is arrested by the Romish slave catchers on the police force and sent back—WHAT BECOMES OF THEM?

WHERE ARE THEIR WORN OUT BODIES BURIED?

That's what the people want to know!

And that's why politicians will fail of election next time if they refuse to support these just measures—these measures designed for the relief of women and girls who are in bondage all over this land!

The Iowa Bill

From what we gather from the newspapers we infer that the bill which has been introduced into the Iowa Legislature, as well as those in the Oklahoma and Texas Legislatures, is very much the same as the Missouri Bill and will be opposed by Romanists with the same venom that characterizes their attacks on the measure in this state.

We take the following from the Des Moines Capital of Jan. 22nd:

One of the big fights of the Thirty-sixth general assembly is possible over a bill introduced in the house today by Bayburn of Potosi, which provides for the inspection of Catholic convents and similar institutions by civil officials.

Representative Bayburn says he has prepared the bill by request.

The measure provides that upon the petition of twenty citizens a board of supervisors, a grand jury, county attorney or any persons designated by the judge of a district court shall have the right to inspect the following class of institutions—public or private hospitals, reformatory schools, houses of detention, convents, asylums, sectarian seminaries, schools or institutions.

The bill provides that it be the duty of a supervisor to visit, unannounced, these institutions once every four months. On this visit notes shall be taken as to the condition and treatment of the occupants and to receive any complaints that might be made. These reports shall be published as official business in the newspapers.

Any one resisting such an inspection will be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$500 or six months in jail.

The bill introduced in the Texas Legislature seems to be in fair way to pass, or at least to get consideration, as the chairman of the committee which will consider it is the man who introduced it. One of the Dallas daily papers says it has dynamite in it. The item in question is a press dispatch from Austin and reads as follows:

Austin, Jan. 22.—A bill with some dynamite in it is now pending in the lower house and has been referred to the committee on state affairs, of which R. R. Williams of Hopkins county is chairman.

The bill, if it becomes a law, would open up all institutions of the state to inspection by grand juries and committee courts, or when any 20 citizens demanded an inspection. It includes in its scope convents, private hospitals, reformatory homes, houses of detention, asylums, sectarian seminaries, schools or institutions.

It would absolutely destroy the secrecy of schools, convents or institutions established by the churches.

To Iowa, Oklahoma and Texas readers, as well as readers in every other state where these bills are being introduced, we would say the same as we have said to our Missouri friends: WRITE YOUR REPRESENTATIVE THAT YOU ARE IN FAVOR OF

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PRIEST MULLEN ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

Chicago Priest Must Answer for the Murder of an Innocent Man—Veniremen Are Questioned Closely About the Publications They Subscribe for—Romanists Making Desperate Effort to Save the Neck of This Criminal

BY STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

"Father" John J. Mullen, former priest of Holy Rosary Catholic church, Chicago, was placed on trial for his life Jan. 25th in Judge Dever's court.

Selection of a jury was begun after two of States Attorney Meloy Hoyne's most able assistants, Marvin E. Barnhart and George C. Bliss, had outlined to the veniremen a history of the murder.

"Father" Mullen, it will be remembered, is the Roman Catholic priest who murdered Thomas W. Patterson, the elderly postmaster and station agent at Hillside, October 20th, 1914. This murder will go down in history as one of the most cold blooded crimes ever committed in the state of Illinois, and the two attorneys who are prosecuting this case are going about it in such a way that there is no doubt but that they are going to put up a very strong fight to convict this Catholic priest of murder in the first degree, and while Mullen has retained two of the most able criminal lawyers in the United States to defend him, the states attorney has put up two men equally as able, and the people throughout the country will watch the progress of this trial with much interest.

"Father" Mullen had been out on a "joy ride" the day of the murder and had stopped in to call on several of his good saloon keeper friends on his way to Hillside. After arriving at Hillside he stopped into a saloon across from the little station, where he got into an argument with the bartender about the European war and home rule for Ireland, and began to raise a rough house in general. Mullen attempted to stab an old man by the name of Russo while in the saloon but was prevented from doing so by the quick action of the old man's son who pushed the priest out of the saloon door, whereupon Mullen ran across to where the elderly postmaster was standing. He jumped on the old man saying, "I will kill you all," and stabbed Patterson to death. He then tried to break into the station where Mrs. Patterson, the wife of the victim, had taken refuge but was prevented from doing so by the arrival of a train crew who overpowered him.

While this crime was committed last October, this murderer has been enjoying himself in the jail hospital, not locked up in a cell as other ordinary murderers

criminal priest should enjoy any more privileges than are granted to other prisoners who are charged with far less serious crimes can not be explained.

There is one thing very apparent, and that is, no man who has ever subscribed to or read The Menace, will be allowed to serve on this case, as about the first questions asked the veniremen called are, "Do you now or have you ever subscribed to or read a weekly paper that discusses religious matters? What secret societies, if any do you belong to? What papers do you read? What magazines, etc? Are you opposed to any religious organization?"

As usual the Romanized daily papers of Chicago are keeping very much in this case, and are devoting just as little space as possible to it, but they can afford to devote a page or more to reporting the crime of some Protestant who has committed a crime not near so serious as this murderous Roman Catholic priest committed.

The readers of The Menace will be furnished a full report on the progress of this trial from week to week.

Arizona seems determined to kill the liquor traffic within her confines and has placed a ban upon lemon extract. The Catholic protest is urgent and a test of the law in the courts seems the only way in which the church may be convinced that the state means to prohibit in the literal sense. Since mass is celebrated by the use of wine and a blessing has been placed upon beer it seems that the Catholic church is seeking to take all the liquid refreshments under her benign countenance for protection.

IT IS GOING TO RING

